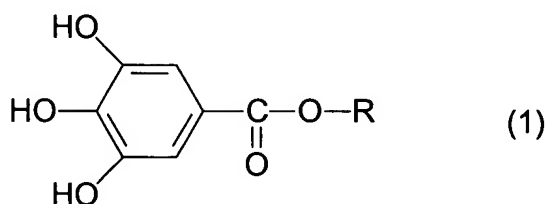


**IN THE CLAIMS:**

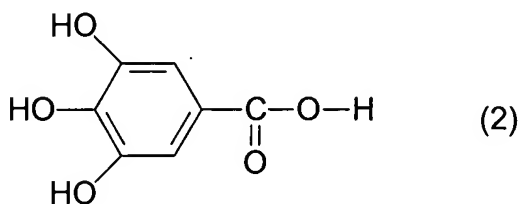
1. (Currently Amended) An additive for heated asphalt, comprising either one or both of (I) and (II) below:

(I) a compound represented by formula (1) below:



wherein R represents ~~a hydrocarbon group having 1 to 22 carbon atoms~~ an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms; and

(II) a compound represented by formula (2) and a compound represented by formula (3) below:



wherein R represents an alkyl group having 5 to 20 carbon atoms, an alkenyl group having 2 to 22 carbon atoms and an alkyl phenyl group having 7 to 22 carbon atoms.

2. (Currently Amended) The A heated asphalt composition that is formed by blending the additive according to Claim 1 with asphalt heated at to a temperature of from 100 to 300 °C.

3. (Currently Amended) The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 2 ~~comprising the additive according to Claim 1 and asphalt heated at 100 to 300 °C,~~ wherein the additive is ~~contained by~~ present in an amount of from 0.005 to 3% by weight relative to the asphalt.

4. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an ~~preventing~~ asphalt composition from which is resistant to peeling, comprising ~~adding~~ combining the additive according to Claim 1 ~~to the~~ with asphalt, ~~the additive including no~~ in the absence of water.

5. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing an ~~preventing~~ asphalt composition ~~from which is resistant to peeling~~, comprising ~~adding~~ combining the additive according to Claim 1 with asphalt heated to a temperature of from 100 to 300°C in an amount of 0.005 to 3% by weight of the asphalt ~~heated at 100 to 300°C~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a heated asphalt composition, comprising adding the additive according to Claim 1 to an asphalt heated to a temperature of from 100 to 300 °C in an amount of 0.005 to 3% by weight based on the weight of the asphalt ~~heated at 100 to 300°C~~.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The~~ A heated asphalt composition comprising at least one compound selected from the group consisting of ~~compounds~~ component (I) represented by formula (1) according to Claim 1 and ~~compounds~~ component (II) represented by formulas (2) and (3) according to Claim 1, and heated asphalt.

8-9. (Cancelled)

10. (New) The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 2, wherein said composition is substantially water-free.

11. (New) The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 10, wherein said composition contains 0.2 wt.% or less of water.

12. (New) The method according to Claim 5, wherein said composition contains substantially no water.

13. (New) The method according to Claim 12, wherein said composition contains 0.2 wt.% or less of water.

14. (New) The method according to Claim 6, wherein said composition contains substantially no water.

15. (New) The method according to Claim 14, wherein said composition contains 0.2 wt.% or less of water.

16. (New) The method according to Claim 14, wherein said composition contains 0.05 wt. % or less of water.

17. (New) The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 7, wherein said composition contains substantially no water.

18. (New) The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 17, wherein said composition contains 0.2 wt.% or less of water.

19. (New) The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 17, wherein said composition contains 0.05 wt. % or less of water.

20. (New) The heated asphalt composition according to Claim 2, comprised of components (I) and (II).

21. (New) The method according to Claim 4, wherein said additive comprises component (I).

22. (New) The method according to Claim 4, wherein said additive comprises component (II).